



*Examining Group 3634  
Docket No.: 1791.003  
Serial Number: 10/074,713*

**DRAFT CLAIM 1 FOR SUBMISSION TO EXAMINER CHIN-SHUE 07/14/04**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
  - a mast-attaching member configured to movably attached ~~attach~~ the bosun's chair to a mast of a boat;
  - a brake for braking the mast-attaching member relative to the mast of the boat, said brake being pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member; and
  - an activation member being pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member and connected to said brake, said activation member connected to a cord connectable to a bosun's chair;

means for at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair relative to the mast of the boat, said means for at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair being connected to an elevated portion of the boat and comprising a second cord connectable to the bosun's chair to support the bosun's chair to allow the bosun's chair to be at least one of raised and lowered; and

wherein said activation member brake is configured pivotable to cause said brake to contact said mast to slow a descent of the bosun's chair, in response to a said cord being connected to the bosun's chair and a force being placed on said activation member by the bosun's chair in response to a failure of said second cord to support a weight of, said means for at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair, said brake being separate from, and operating independently of, said means for at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair.